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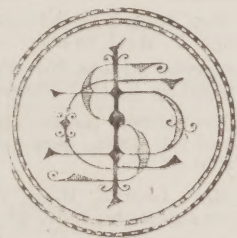
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Chronicle.

AUSTRIA—The Pneumatic letter card has now the interior gray according to the "I. B. J."

BRAZIL—The 100 reis envelope is reported on white laid paper, size 120x94 mm. and the 100 reis Journal stamp in violet.

CEYLON—"Le T. P." notes the 25c. bistre with figures of value in olive.

COLOMBIA—The new 5 pesos, small size has been changed in color to black on white.

COSTA RICA—The 10 pesos of the current set is black. All values are said to have been surcharged "Guanacaste."

FINLAND—The 25 penni blue has been slightly altered. "Suomi" is at the top instead of the side where it is replaced by the name of the country in Russian. The two lower circles contain the word "Pen" in Roman and Russian letters and between them is "25."

GERMAN EMPIRE—"Le T. P." says the new card is already surcharged "20 para 20."

GIBRALTAR—"Le T. P." gives a complete list of the new series as follows: 5c. green, 10c. carmine, 25c. blue, 40c. orange, 50c. violet, 75c. reseda, 1p. bistre, 5p. gray. Only the 5c. and 10c. have yet appeared. The Registry envelope 20c. without surcharge has been issued, size 135x83mm. The "Ph. Record" notes two types of surcharge on the 2d. envelope size G 150x94 mm. In one of the figures "20" measure 10x3mm, and in the other 7 1-2x4mm. We have the former in size F.

GOLD COAST—We hear of a 1-2 d. card green, 121x86mm.

GUATEMALA—The 1c. and 5c. are surcharged "official."

NEW ZEALAND—"Le C. de T. P." says

the 1d. and 1 plus 1d. cards have new frames, but gives no particulars.

NICARAGUA—Mr. Gremmel has shown us a 10 centavos envelope, surcharged in red over the stamp.

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ST. THOME—"The I. B. J." illustrates the 10 reis green (head) surcharged in black in two lines "5-reis."

SWAZIELAND—The current stamps of the South African Republic are in use here with surcharge in black "Swazieland." Mr. Rechert has shown us the 1-2d., 1d., 2d., 6d., 1sh. Herr Hempel writes to "Der Ph." that these stamps were issued on Oct. 18, and that all mail matter from Swazieland has to pass through the South African Republic.

TOLIMA—Mr. Michelsen writes to "Le T. P." that there are several varieties of each value of the 1886 issue. In one the values in lower corners are in octagons and in the other in ovals. Mons. Moens has the 2 1-2, 50c. 1, 2, 5, 10 pesos with octagon and 1 peso with ovals. We can add to this list the 5c. with ovals and the 10c. of both types.

TUNIS—M. Diena has the card 10 plus 10c. with the reply part on the back of the first card and the second card entirely blank.

URUGUAY—The 5c. violet stamp is in use again but with the surcharge "Provisorio" in black.—[Philatelic World.]

Bechuanaland Posts.

The English are making great strides in South Africa. From the old Cape Colony they now have the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, British Bechuanaland, Zululand, Stellaland, Griqualand and Griqualand West. The Bechuanaland posts

control also the posts established in the "Protectorate" and "Trans-Protectorate" countries, such as Pondoland, Tongaland and Kaffiria, some of which are as large as three or four states. British influence since the Zulu war, is felt up to the Zambesi. All the tribes and their chiefs, as well as the Kings of the black nations south of the Zambesi having made treaties with Great Britain.

Stellaland, a province in the north of Natal, sought to run a government of their own, as we can see by a set of stamps they have issued. As that stood in the way of British interests it was very short-lived; the majority of the white inhabitants wanted to come directly under British rule. It is now tacked onto Natal.

Portugal has been interfering in a high-handed way at Delegora Bay and on the Zambesi river with the native tribes under the control of the British. English interests are paramount, and the safety of the settlers, who are in the midst of the powerful black tribes of the dark continent, demanded that Great Britain should compel Portugal to issue orders in twenty-four hours recalling all officials or troops in that part of South Africa, which the latter was forced to do.

During the Zulu war, in order to reach the scene of operations, England quietly took over the South African Republic, called it "Transvaal," and handed back the country to the Dutch and Boers after the war, on *certain* conditions, for although they are a Republic, they are not *free and independent*, as they cannot make any treaties whatever with any tribe, nation or country unless sanctioned by Great Britain. That is the way that Republic exists today.

Just now the King of Swazie is dead and the Transvaal which hems this country in on three sides wants to annex it, but seventy chiefs have signed a treaty with a British Commissioner, and to settle the affair the South African Republic and the British Government have sent commissioners to Swazieland. If it is worth having the British will have it.

In Bechuanaland a post card service has been established from Kimberley, Natal, to Gubuluwaya, a distance of 726 miles. The latter place is where the King's kraal (chief Lobengula) is situated. Post carts run with commendable regularity once a week, and a Vryburg paper states that for six months they were *not an hour behind*. The British authorities have contracted with a Dutch boer for this service. The distance from Kimberley to Vryburg, the capital of Bechuanaland, is 115 miles, and the post-cart leaves the former place at 6 a. m. Sunday, arriving at Vryburg 5:30 Monday evening, with seven stopping places. From Vryburg to Mafeking is one hundred miles with but one office between, and the post-carts do this part of the journey in twenty-four hours. The horses are changed at certain stages on the journey.

Minor by-posts are carried by native Zulu carriers, branching from the main postal line. The natives will go singly 50 to 100 miles, content with a very small pittance for the service, and the losses are very few, as they are more to be trusted than many whites.

The postage to all parts of British Bechuanaland, Cape Colony, Natal, Transvaal and Orange Free States is 2d. per 1-2 oz., which is very cheap considering the trouble and lack of railways. To the Protectorate and Trans-Protectorate the prepaid fee is the same, but the letters are charged additional at the end of the journey, 2d. extra at Molepolole, and 4d. extra each 1-2 oz. at Gubuluwaya. At present the railway from Cape Town and Port Elizabeth ends at Kimberley and the telegraph ends at Mafeking, 214 miles further inland. A late fee of 6d. is charged on letters posted within half-an-hour of time for closing the mails. There are only four post-offices in British Bechuanaland and five postal agencies. A railway to the interior is under way.

CANADENSIS.

The Bumble Bee Philatelic Society.

"Gentlemen," began Mr. Prince Tyson as he took his stand on a barrel in the

barn, "Gentlemens, we am jined here fer de purpose of foruing a Philatelic society, same as our white Brethren hab, de object am de study of Postage Stamps, de passing of resolutions, favorable and unfavorable, to der leading topics of ther day, an any oder business pertinent to dis club. We shall elect er President and er Secretary. In conclusion I desire to call de attension ob de members to de glory waiting you wen we hab mastered de rubiments of Stamp collecting; our fame will be placed on de topmost pinnece, and de June bug shall weep fer joy wen dey see us sons of a benighted race advancing de cause ob civilazation, as we plaster a piece ob paper made by a ignorant Hotentot in our gilt edged album. Yes, Broders. de cause am glorious, it am a science which ali spire to, but few kin reach, and brethren, hit remains fer us to bring de cause out ob de mire, which sartin parties am want to drag it by calling it 'Child's play' and de like. Wen our names am connected wid dis glorious institution, oders will take hold an reduce de mysteries which am agitating de Philatelist brains to a pulp. We will proceed wid de election, fust we want a President, which office I will be pleased to fill, den dar is Mr. Mathew Thigpen ober dar who would make a good Secretary. Mr. Platsy Platt will pass around de hat fer de members ter put ther ballots in hit."

Members write on paper and put it in the hat. After order is restored Mr. Tyson continues. "De result ob de election am dat I is de President and Mr. Thigpen de Secretary. I appoint Mr. Sam Gatling, Chas. Dodge and John Golden, a committee to draw de Constitution and de By-Laws to report at de next meeting."

"Now dat de organization am perfected de fust step am to pass de resolutions to decide who fust invented de postage stamps."

Dere am two candidates in der field, de fust, Sir Rowland Hill, and de second Mr. Chalmers. Now de circumstances of de case am dis, Mr. Chalmers thought and thought how to invent stamps, den all of

a sudden hit struck him dat a postage stamp was wat de long afflicted Public wanted. So he got everything ready and was jest gwine to took out a patent on de invention, wen Sir Hill, he comes along and he hears all bout de stamps. Sir Hill, he goes to see Mr. Chalmers; den he puts on a long face, gives a whistle and tells Mr. Chalmers not to say nothing about hit as hit were agin de law to invent stamps. Den he pulls out a long paper and reads; 'Dat any person, be he whosoever, dat shall invent postage stamps, will be sent to Siberia for life. Den Mr. Chalmers he gets scared and begs Sir Hill not to tell on him. Den Sir Hill he goes back to London, puts on his Prince Albert coat and goes to see de queen. Den he tells how he has been er thinking to benefit the public, and at last had thought ob a postage stamp, den he shows her how to work hit. She thanks him draws up a check fer \$5,000 and presents hit to him, and den Mr. Hill goes on his way rejoycing. When Mr. Chalmers finds out dat he had done been duped nobody would believe him.

Now Gentlemens, I ask, ar we gwine to stand dis imposition. Ar we gwine to see Mr. Chalmers eat corn-bread and bacon while Mr. Hill has beaf-steak fer breakfast every day and kin smoke a 5c. cigar at 11 P. M."

Cries of "No, down him," and great confusion. The club passes resolutions favorable to Chalmers, after which the President continues.

"De Secretary am instructed to notify Mr. Chalmers dat resolutions am passed favorable to his claim, and dat a set ob Jubilee stamps would come in moughty handy."

"De meeting am adjourned Sine die till two weeks from today, wen de Constitution and By-Laws will be brought before de club."—[The Alabama Philatelist.

A Few Comments.

Ithuriel has noticed for some time the notes of one "Argus" who has been giving the readers of the late "Philatelic

Gazette" much unwholesome food for thought. While Argus would like to make his readers think he knows and sees everything that is going on, he only knows things from his own small standpoint and sees things with his own weak eyes. Perhaps he is unfortunate and is near-sighted or has to wear glasses. There is no doubt but what in his own estimation he is a great personage, while in the estimation of others he is playing the part of an egotistical, would-be moulder of public opinion. He is quite a clever writer but gives away the source of his information. No one can help but see, who has followed him in his "Expatiations," that he is deeply interested in the new "Scott" Concern. His abuse of the Calmans and others is most unfair, for it is like stabbing a man in the dark. Argus is very sore over many things and Ithuriel will have occasion to refer to them from time to time.

The "Philatelic Gazette" has had an honorable career, and it is to be hoped that it will get into as good hands in the future as it has been in the past. Changes in the Philatelic Press are very frequent, but Chicago sets an example for upright dealings and business integrity that may well be followed by others. The "Gazette" has not however fully represented Chicago, for it seemed to voice the sentiments of New York to such an extent that frequent remarks have been made as to what was the cause. No doubt there was good and sufficient reason, and perhaps some day we will know why. As Chicago cannot be long without a representative, we may look for something new in the near future.

It is noticeable that a Damon and Pythias like friendship has sprung up between C. B. Corwin and J. W. Scott. That election of President and Vice-President of the National is the opening of the campaign of C. B. Corwin's aspirations for the Presidency of the A. P. A. but it will not be such a walk over as Mr. Corwin will discover if he allows that bee in his bonnet to keep up such a buzzing. John K. Tiffany is good for a third term

and should he refuse to accept Mr. Corwin will not be the coming man.

Millard F. Walton takes hold of the Secretaryship of the A. P. A. like an old hand. No doubt matters will soon be in running order in that sadly neglected office, and this will also relieve the "Trustees" of considerable extra work.

The "chestnut" is going the rounds of the Press that a first class paper will soon be issued from Calmar, Ia. What constitutes "first class" in Calmar besides promises and wind?

Why the A. P. A. Constitution and the list of members is not published in one pamphlet is a question asked by many. Ithuriel imagines that owing to the Secretary's affairs not being in shape, it was impossible to get a correct list of members that were in good standing, and as it was proper to issue the Constitution at once, the Trustees did so without the list. Have patience, boys, it will be along by and by.

"ITHURIEL."

Revenue Stamps.

We can hardly say that the mania for Revenue stamps has reached the high-tide mark, but we are sure that all will concur with the statement that there is a rapid, steady flow of the current in an upward direction. With a continuation of the present influx of new forces, the time is not far distant when the Revenue stream will be as potent and as majestic as any neighboring current. A few here and there may attempt from time to time, by an intrusion of petty issues, to divide and sub-divide the current and pervert its course. But no one need be alarmed. The oppositions here and there are only pebbles in the mighty current and not "pebbles in the streamlet scant," as the poet sang. The small stone may change the course of the stream but cannot block or change the way of the rushing river.

The present time is an early date in the history of Revenue stamp collecting, yet many of our Revenue stamps bring snug little sums when offered for sale. Before us we have a price-list that quotes Rev-

enue stamps all the way from 1c. to \$150. We count fifteen varieties worth \$10 each, forty worth \$5 each, six worth \$20 each, and several at 40, 50, 60, 75 and 100 dollars. It is evident from these prices that many of the Revenues are already beyond the reach of the majority of stamp collectors. Five more years added to the history of philately and many of these prices will be increased two-hundred fold. It is patent to the careful observer that the Revenue is bound to keep pace with the general issues. The collector must "move up" rapidly or get left in the "grand rush."

The rarest private Revenue stamp is, perhaps, the 5c. brown playing-card stamp of Caterson, Brontz & Co. These stamps were struck for a firm in Philadelphia, but were never delivered. In 1883 the Proprietary set of 1862 was annulled by Congress, and C. B. & Co. refused to receive the stamps. The government then ordered an attachee of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to destroy them. Out of curiosity, the attachee detached and retained two of these stamps, which afterwards fell into the hands of New England collectors. Undoubtedly these are the only two specimens extant. In the list before me they are priced at \$150 each, but doubtless the owners of these would not part with them at any price.

Another rare Revenue is the \$500 stamp, second issue. These stamps are worth from \$60 to \$160 each. The match stamp of Jock & Wilder, 1c red, will bring from \$50 to \$75, likewise the 4c. black medicine stamp of Thomas E. Wilder. Several other stamps of high value might be mentioned, but those already presented are evidence of the fact that Revenues are worth collecting. S. ESTLE MILLER.

The Burning Question.

Try in what way or what manner they like, the attempt to put down the question "Who invented the adhesive postage stamp?" seems out of the question, and now there is no doubt if Mr. Chalmers

wishes to substantiate his claim, he will accept Mr. Pearson Hill's challenge to have it placed before a proper tribunal.

We see nothing in this that would prejudice Mr. Chalmers' case if it is as strong as he says it is, for he has everything to gain and nothing to lose by so doing. Mr. Chalmers will no doubt be pressed to force Mr. Hill to prove his very serious charges against him, which include at least half-a-dozen lawful indictments, and it will be no matter of surprise on this side if Mr. Chalmers should do what he ought to do, i. e., have the question settled now and forever. If he waits until his two witnesses are dead his claim will die with them—delays are dangerous, very dangerous, to his cause and all adherents of his cause should press him at once to bring the thing to a "focus." He has lots of proof—lots of witnesses, lots of evidence—and why should he be afraid to have it settled fairly and squarely?

The Hill men of the A. P. A. committee, I believe, will ask the Chalmers side to press their man to have him take up the charges of Mr. Pearson Hill and either prove it false or true. Only in a court of law can this case ever be settled. If the examination be *thorough* I have no doubt whatever of the conclusion at which the committee must arrive, but no good can, I think, come from any attempt to sift, by cross-examination, the statements of the so-called "living witnesses." Cross-examination in a court of law is a formidable instrument whereby to separate truth from falsehood, because the witnesses are compelled by the Court to answer all questions, however much they may desire to avoid so doing. They are under fear of seven years penal servitude if they perjure themselves, and the Judge and Jury are necessarily greatly influenced by the readiness or hesitation—i. e. by the *manner* in which they give their evidence. Now, as regards the "living witnesses," not one of these conditions exists. Even if the A. P. A. committee crossed the Atlantic to examine matters

and the records, they could not bring the case into any court of law or take evidence on any oath other than that of an ordinary affidavit; but, as everybody knows, *affidavits* have become a by-word in every court of Justice for the recklessness with which witnesses will swear to anything that is wanted (vide Cronin case), and certainly no false witness was ever yet compelled to "own up" from any reluctance on his part to take such oaths.

Therefore if Mr. P. Chalmers has such a good case as he makes out he has, certainly he will then take up the gauntlet thrown down to him, and before a proper tribunal vindicate Justice. If his side is *right* I am with it, but until he *proves* his case he will always be regarded as an impostor.

The witnesses, even if brought face to face simply with a committee, would doubtless be coached beforehand by the party interested, and would refuse to answer questions they thought likely would compromise them. Thus you see a proper hearing before the bar of Justice is necessary. An examination by a committee would be an utter failure, yet this mere pretense at an examination would be misrepresented by some as a "searching enquiry," and it would be alleged as regards the "living witnesses" that even the strictest cross-examination had failed to shake their testimony on any point. Thus you see the object in view by our philatelists would be as far off as ever. If the A. P. A. committee instead of going into the matter, (which they could not do thoroughly very easily) would simply request Mr. Chalmers to accept Mr. Pearson Hill's challenge, that would settle the whole affair—then the committee would have the whole evidence of witnesses under oath and every detail would be had then from expert lawyers. The committee will save themselves a vast amount of trouble by doing this, and they need not even take the decision of the Court, but render their own decision upon the evidence produced. Mr. Pearson Hill, I believe, very kindly states that he is willing

to leave the verdict to the A. P. A., provided they force Chalmers to meet him face to face. Is there anything wrong with that? After the expression of American feeling over the matter as has been recorded in the "Philatelic Beacon" I think Mr. Chalmers will surely accept the challenge. By so doing he will confer a lasting obligation on Philately. If he wins I will gladly subscribe my share towards a statue to replace Rowland Hill's.

If the "examination" were to consist merely of the committee entering into correspondence with the persons interested, the pretence will be even more absurd. Not a letter would be written without prompting or even writing out the answer for them to copy. The voice might be the voice of the witness, but the hand would be the hand of another. The reason a decision should be had before a proper tribunal is to find the accuracy of the memories of old people. If they have documentary evidence to agree with their memories it will be positive. Where old people's *memories* of the *dates* of events long gone by are contradicted by contemporary records, who but a lunatic would trust the supposed memories in preference to the records?

There is, therefore, but one way to get any *viva voce* evidence in this case to be given under oath, and that would be for the A. P. A. to request Mr. Chalmers to bring that action against Mr. Hill if the latter's statements be untrue. Mr. Hill is anxious to settle the question—he is prepared with all letters, documents, etc. If Mr. Chalmers made the statements against Mr. Pearson Hill that the latter makes against Mr. Patrick Chalmers I warrant Mr. Hill would commence the case at once. One of Mr. Hill's exponents says "Let the A. P. A. press Mr. Chalmers to do this, and they shall have no cause to complain of want of real opportunity for cross-examining both sides."

Why should the A. P. A. be compelled to spend time and money over this when one-twentieth of the amount Mr. Chal-

mers has spent in circulars, etc. would decide the *claim* forever. Does it not look queer? If he is so sure of vindication he need fear nothing. We want *proof* that the statements of witnesses are not prompted. The complacency with which some people swallow the Brobdignazian camels which Mr. Chalmers sets before them is only equalled by the amazing strain which they make at the Lilliputian gnats which Mr. Hill submits for their digestion. Mr. Pearson Hill states that Mr. Chalmers has been over and over again convicted of dishonesty and falsification of dates, but defies him to point to a single instance in which he (Hill) has in the slightest degree attempted to mislead.

I feel positive the committee will insist on Mr. P. Chalmers accepting the challenge to have a proper trial before the bar of Justice. Until that is done there are hundreds here who can take no stock in the Chalmers "claim." VEXATOR.

C. P. S.



Meetings are held the 1st. and 3d. Thursday of the month at the Society's rooms, No. 30 La Salle street, (opposite City Hall,) at 8 p. m. President, S. Leland; Secretary, P. M. Wolsieffer. For full information address the Secretary, Drawer 707, Chicago, Ill.

The 81st. regular meeting was called to order on Thursday evening, Jan. 2nd, in the absence of the President and Vice-President by the Secretary, at 8 p. m., who announced that nominations for chairman were in order. Mr. Palmer and Mr. Bradt were nominated but Mr. Palmer declining Mr. Bradt was elected. The roll-call showed the following fifteen members present: Messrs. Bradt, D'Ardenne, Ford, Fritz, Haskell, Janssen, Kuchell, Kurzweg, Leland. Luetzen-

kirchen, Palmer, Pierce, Ross, Severn and Wolsieffer.

The minutes of last meeting were approved as read.

Communications were received from Mr. Luetzenkirchen tendering his resignation as active member, bill from janitor and Recording Secretary all of which were referred to the Executive Committee.

Reports were received from the Treasurer, Secretary and Auctioneer.

The Executive Committee having reported favorably on the resignation of Mr. Luetzenkirchen and the bills found correct, a motion was put and carried that the resignation be accepted and the bills ordered paid.

At this point the installation of the new officers took place. Our new President, Mr. Leland, took the chair and made a few appropriate remarks which were loudly applauded.

The Secretary moved that inasmuch as the Society had taken no action on the death of our late passive member Mr. Geo. B. Mason, that his name be placed "IN MEMORIAM" in our next list of names, and that such action be spread upon the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Bradt and carried.

The Constitution Revision Committee being ready to report, it was moved, seconded and carried that a vote be taken on each addition or change of the Constitution and By-Laws. The Secretary read each addition and change as suggested by the Committee, and they were accepted in accordance with the foregoing motion. It was then moved, seconded and carried that the revised Constitution be carried as a whole. A like motion prevailed that the revised By-Laws be accepted as a whole.

The President then appointed S. B. Bradt Auctioneer and Exchange Manager for the current year.

Recess was next in order.

After recess a motion prevailed that we nominate and elect a Recording Secretary in accordance with the Revised Con-

stitution. Mr. C. E. Severn was nominated. There being no other candidates the General Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the Society and Mr. Severn declared unanimously elected.

A short Auction Sale followed at which quite a few bargains were secured by the members present.

The Treasurer reported the receipts at \$22.86.

It was moved to adjourn at 10.45.

Next meeting Jan. 16th at which the 13th advertised Auction Sale will take place. C. E. SEVERN, Recording Sec.

C. P. S. NOTES.

My note last month referring to the nomination of a resident Vice-President should have read "*selected*" and not elected. No Branch can elect such an officer, but they are expected to select one of their number and recommend him for appointment. I have heard from the Board of Trustees since writing the note referred to, and the matter will receive attention.

As the "Philatelic Gazette" will pass out of the hands of the present managers this month, the active C. P. S. members are talking of getting out a Bulletin each month in the interest of the Society. They must have some medium in Chicago to advertise their popular monthly Auction Sales, and I should not be surprised if the first number will be out this month. The scheme proposed at this writing is to publish a *C. P. S. Bulletin* about eight pages without cover, and to circulate no less than 2000 copies of each number. Such a *Bulletin* would be a great help to the Society in many ways.

The cut at the head of the C. P. S. proceedings in this number is a good representation of our new badge. Anyone familiar with our "Local Stamps" can tell at a glance that it is designed from the rare "Chicago Penny Post" stamp. The cut however gives no idea of the beauty of the badge. It is made of solid gold, the bee-hive being raised in the oval and made of oxydized silver. The lettering

is in gold on a ground work of blue enamel. Passive members when ordering it should send 16 cents in addition to the price and have it registered.

I would advise all participants in the Exchange Department to send in no less than 5 sheets at a time for circulation. The manager makes *one book* of each member's sheets and less than 5 sheets makes a very thin book. It would be better all around if each member could send in 10 filled sheets at one time, for it would give much better satisfaction both to himself and the department.

The STAMP WORLD is sent to all members of the C. P. S. and I will ask all out of town members to read these notes, for I will try and keep them posted on all that is going on in the Society and any changes that may take place. Our list of Passive Members is getting so large and the General Secretary is receiving so many letters from members asking for information about various rules, By-Laws, etc., that I shall try to answer them when I can in these notes.

To Members No. 106, 137 and 142 I would say, send all bids to C. E. Severn, 448 Racine Ave., Chicago, who gives this his special attention. I should be happy to execute all bids, but as my duty is to keep the account during the Sale, I cannot do both satisfactorily. I would also say to other members, don't send any bids to the Auctioneer but direct to him any stamps you wish placed in the sale.

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Jubilee of the Penny Post System.

The tenth of January was the fiftieth anniversary of the penny post system going into operation in the United Kingdom. In a long and interesting review of the progress which has been made, the "Times" points out that postal rates before Sir Rowland Hill's innovation were regulated by the distance a letter travelled from the post-office at which it was posted, by the number of sheets of paper used for the purposes of the letter, and by weight, the latter consideration entering but slightly into the question. The great roads were all carefully surveyed by officers of the post-office, and tables of distances were kept for the calculation of rates. The lowest rate for a letter sent from London to Birmingham was 9d.; if it contained a second sheet of paper, or, as it was called in days when one sheet served for both letter and envelope, an enclosure, the charge was immediately doubled. From London to Edinburgh the lowest rate was 1s. 11-2d., and from London to Dublin, where two toll-bridges and the sea had to be crossed, 1s. 4d. On the previous day Mr. Pearson Hill, son of the late Sir Rowland Hill, delivered a lecture on "The Jubilee of the Penny Post." In the course of his remarks he said that on the 10th of January, 1840, there came into operation in the United Kingdom a measure of social reform which, for its wide-spreading influence on the happiness of mankind, stood in modern times perhaps almost unrivalled. The reform—the uniform penny postage system—originated with the late Sir Rowland Hill, and in spite of strenuous official opposition was carried by him to completion. Up to and even for some considerable time after Her Majesty's accession, there had been no

full and free epistolary intercourse except for those who, like members of Parliament, had the command of the franks. There were few people who did not feel the cost of postage a heavy item in their expenditure. The lowest rate of letter postage between any two post towns in the United Kingdom was 4d., but that only sufficed for a distance not exceeding fifteen miles. Beyond that radius the postal rates rapidly increased, letters from London to Liverpool or Manchester being subjected to a postage of 11d., while those to the further parts of Scotland and Ireland were charged 1s. 8d., and even those high charges were at once doubled or trebled if the letter, however light, contained one or more enclosures. Costliness was by no means the only fault to be found with the postal service of the country as it existed fifty years ago. It deserved almost equal condemnation on the ground of its slowness and inefficiency. Fraudulent evasions of the postal duties were matters of daily occurrence. Members of Parliament and a few other privileged persons, by writing their names on the outside of letters, could free them through the post, and people constantly forged such signatures, undeterred by the fact, Mr. Hill pointed out, that in the year 1771 the Rev. Dr. Dodd was actually hanged at Tyburn for the offense. Many ingenious systems of fraud were adopted in commercial circles to evade the postal charges. In January, 1837, Rowland Hill published his scheme in pamphlet which he privately submitted to the Government, though Mr. Charles P. Villiers, hoping that the careful examination of his plan, supported as it was by an unanswerable array of facts, would suffice to insure its adoption. Every possible discouragement was showered upon Rowland Hill by the au-

thorities of St. Martin's-le-Grand. A friendly hand was, however, held out to him by the Commissioners of Post-Office Inquiry, to whom he gave evidence. The Commissioners reported favorably on Hill's scheme, and it was eagerly taken up by the public. In Parliament, Mr. Wallace, M. P., moved for and obtained a Select Committee, which, in 1838, examined into and strongly supported the plan, but the Government was reluctant to adopt it. In 1839 Lord Melbourne was recalled to take office, and in the negotiations with Radical members for future support to the Liberal Government the bargain was struck that such support should be given provided penny postage was conceded. At the conclusion of Mr. Hill's lecture, some interesting facts and figures were furnished, reviewing the progress of the penny post system. In 1839 the Post-office total delivery of letters was 76,000,000; in 1845 the delivery was 271,000,000; in 1855, 444,000,000; in 1865, 679,000,000; in 1875, 967,000,000; and last year, 1,588,000,000; and inclusive of post-cards, circulars, newspapers and book packets, the total delivery in the United Kingdom was 2,353,000,000. As regards the increased revenue of the Post-office, in 1855, the net revenue was £401,868; 1865, £1,159,323; in 1875, £1,836,387; and in 1889 the total net revenue of the Post-office, including the profit on letters, telegraphs, savings bank, postal orders, etc. was £3,199,644. The postal system is one of the greatest boons of modern civilization, and the wonderful progress it has made is among the marvels of our time. Its thoroughness is a subject for admiration. In Canada progress has kept pace with the times, and although we have not yet adopted the penny post, no doubt the time is not distant when a two cents rate will carry letters to all parts of the Dominion.

The first practical step towards carrying out the spirit of the "penny postage" resolution passed by the Imperial Federation League at its recent annual meeting in Ottawa, Canada, will be in the form of

an address to the Crown, to be moved in the House of Commons by a member actively associated with the league. The motion will be made early this session.

CANADENSIS.

Chronicle.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—A new 6c. blue is out. Portrait of Sarmiento, "Correos y Telegrafos" above.

AUSTRIA—We hear of a new set, with values running up to 3 florins.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO—The 8c. green and 10c. blue are now inscribed "Postage and Revenue."

CANADA—The post card 1 plus 1d. gray, has gone back to the type of 1882, with large ornaments under the circles at each side.

COLOMBIA—The 2c. post card has been increased in size. The frame now measures 129x82 mm. No change in design or color.

CUBA—We have a 1c. bistre and a 5c. black, with head of Alfonso XIII. "Isla de Cuba" above.

DUTCH INDIES—Some of our Exchanges report a 5c. ultramarine, with figure of value in center.

EGYPT—There is a letter card of 1 piastre blue and envelopes of 1 mil. brown and 2 mils. green. Small size.

HOLLAND—A 3c. with figure of value in center is expected.

JEYPORE—"Das Post" says the Indian stamps are surcharged "Raj. Service" in two lines in black or red.

MONACO—We are informed that a new issue has taken place here, with head of the new prince.

NATAL—Since the 1st. November the 3d has been pearl gray.

NEW SOUTH WALES—The current 4d. and 6d. are surcharged "O. S." in black and the 5sh. in red, and the fiscal stamps 10sh. and 20sh. lilac and rose are surcharged "Postage" and "O. S." in black.

PAHANG—"Le T. P." reports the 10c. slate surcharged in black "Pahang."

PARAGUAY—"Der Ph." chronicles the 15c. surcharged "1c. oficial" or "2c. ofi-

cial" in carmine, "3c. official" in violet and "5c. official" in rose.

PERSIA—There is a 7sh. brown. current type, small lion, according to Mons. Maury.

QUEENSLAND—"Der Ph." notes the 2sh. 6d. red, 5sh. carmine, 10sh. brown £1 green with watermark, upright Q and Crown instead of Italic Q.

RUSSIA—Mr. Brietfuss has sent us the 7k. stamp slightly modified. There are now thunder bolts across the posthorns. Also the 7k. envelopes with similar change, sizes 144x80 and 144x120 mm. The "Am. Ph." informs us the following were expected Jan. 1st. Wrappers, 1 kop. yellow, 2 kop. green; letter cards, 5 kop. lilac, 7 kop. blue, 10 kop. blue.

SALVADOR—Mr. Krebs has shown us the 2c. red, of the American Bank Note Co. The inscription at the top "Union Postal del" is obliterated by a heavy black line like the 1c. It seems the 1c. and 2c. were ordered of the same type as the 3c., that is, with "Servicio Postal del." and it is to remedy the error of the Bank Note Co. that the words are erased. The 1c., 3c., 5c. and 10c. have been surcharged "1889."

SELANGOR—The 2c. is now surcharged vertically "Selangor" in capitals. There are two varieties on the sheet. In one the letters are upright and in the other Italic.

SPAIN—"Der Ph." notes cards with the new stamp, 5c. green, 10c. carmine, 15c. brown and the corresponding reply paid cards.

SURINAM—"Le T. P." chronicles the 15c. card surcharged 7 1-2 cents" in violet. There are surcharges in different positions and double surcharges, also one of 17 1-2 by error.

SWITZERLAND—The 15c. is now violet.

TOLIMA—We have the 5c., 10c., 2p. and 5p. of similar design to those of 1886, but unperforated.

URUGUAY—The "A. J. of P." illustrates two new stamps, 2c. rose, with large figure of value in center, and 5c. blue with arms in circle and figure of value below. They are perforated 15.—[Philatelic World.]



Meetings are held the 1st. and 3d. Thursday of the month at the Society's headquarters at 8 p. m. President, S. Leland; General Secretary, P. M. Wolsieffer. For full information address the General Secretary, Drawer 707, Chicago, Ill.

The 82nd regular meeting was called to order on Thursday evening, Jan. 16th, at 8 P. M., by the President.

The following twenty members answered to roll-call: Messrs. Adams, Bradt, Cotlow, Danforth, D'Ardenne, Dilg, Ford, Fritz, Haskell, Holman, Jansen, Kuchell, Kurzweg, Leland, Palmer, Pierce, Ross, Severn, Wilcox and Wolsieffer.

Minutes of the 81st meeting were approved as read. Communications received were the resignation of C. H. Harraden and bills from John M. Hubbard and Hack & Anderson. On motion the resignation of Mr. Harraden was accepted and the bills were referred to the Executive Committee.

A motion prevailed that the General Secretary notify the Official Board of the A. P. A. once more, that the Chicago Philatelic Society had nominated Mr. J. W. Palmer on October 17th, 1889, for the office of Resident Vice-President to represent the district of Chicago and Cook Co., Illinois.

Mr. Bradt made a short verbal report of the Auction Department and Mr. Wolsieffer reported in reference to renting our rooms.

An application for Passive membership was received from Wm. C. Kater, Simons, Ill., proposed by S. B. Bradt, which was referred to the Executive Committee.

The matter of Mr. H. C. Street's A. P. A. dues was ordered to be settled by the Treasurer, Mr. Street having paid in full at time of joining the C. P. S.

It was moved by Mr. Bradt that the old By-Laws referring to the application fee be again adopted. Seconded by Mr. Pierce and unanimously carried.

The Executive Committee having reported favorably on the application of

Mr. Kater, he was elected by the General Secretary casting the ballot of the Society, under a suspension of the rules. Mr Kater's number is 192.

Recess was next in order.

After recess the 13th advertised Auction Sale of 150 lots took place which realized the sum of \$111.42.

It was moved to adjourn at 11:05. Next meeting Feb. 6th. Next advertised Auction Sale (the 14th) Feb. 20th. Lists of sale published in the "C. P. S. Bulletin."

C. E. SEVERN, Recording Secretary.

C. P. S. NOTES.

The event of the month was the issuing of the "C. P. S. Bulletin," made necessary by the suspension of the "Philatelic Gazette." There is no doubt about its having been a move in the right direction, as the many expressions of approval received within a week after it was mailed, from many of our Passive members, would indicate. It was first proposed to circulate 2000 copies each month, but the number has been increased to 2500.

Passive members can propose other collectors for membership, but in cases where they cannot personally vouch for the applicant, they should procure first class business reference to be sent with the application. The exchange lots sent out on circuits average over \$100.00, and the Society is very careful to elect to membership only well-known collectors and those furnishing the best of references. One year's dues and the application fee should be sent with application. In case an applicant is rejected the amount for dues will be refunded.

I cannot undertake to order a badge for a member unless the cash accompanies the order. If large quantities of them were ordered it would be necessary to carry them in stock, and they could also be manufactured cheaper. There is no plated specimen made. They are solid gold and silver.

Full reports of Auction and Exchange Departments will be published in the "Bulletin." I shall continue to send the minutes to the STAMP WORLD for publi-

cation and also anything of special interest to Passive members.

Please don't send me any stamps "to sell on commission" to other members. I have neither the time nor inclination to dispose of any stamps at the meetings. Why not put them in the Exchange or Auction Departments? Matters of interest or business relating to the Society, I will cheerfully give my attention to, but I cannot find purchasers for this, that or the other, or work up subscriptions for Journals, etc.

Many members lose their opportunity of bidding on lots in the Auction Sales because they write "if I get lot No.—don't bid on No.—" etc., and others bid on only a part of a lot. No lot can be broken, neither can any one execute bids if too many conditions are imposed. Many lots are sold in much less than a minute, and when any one has a dozen or more bids on the same lot, there is no time given to look up for whom it is being purchased, or what special instructions are given. Make your bids plain and and your instructions few. You can rest assured that whoever is buying for you will get it at as low a figure as possible.

There is no truth in the rumor that the dues of Passive members will be raised. It has never been mentioned in my hearing and certainly was not discussed at any meeting. The dues of Active members have been reduced from \$12 per year to \$9 and it is quite sure that they will be still further reduced in the near future.

As to the question of benefits derived from membership in the C. P. S. aside from the fraternal feature, note the following: You receive each month the STAMP WORLD and "C. P. S. Bulletin." If you are an advertiser you get a third off from regular rates in the "Bulletin." There are the Exchange and Auction Departments at your service. In the Exchange Department you get a chance at "first choice" a feature which no other Exchange Department offers at the present time. In the Auction Department you can dispose of your rare duplicates

(without having them sacrificed) at the small margin of ten per cent and the list of sales will have a circulation of 2500. If you wish to purchase at sales, no commission is charged. The C. P. S. is ever alert to adopt some new scheme which will benefit its members.

Members will oblige me if they will promptly notify me of any change in address. It will only require the sending of a postal card to give me this information and may save time in the circulation of Exchange books.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, General Sec.

Communication.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan'y. 21st, 1890.

John M. Hubbard,

Dear Sir:

In the last number of the STAMP WORLD I see among the Chicago notes a statement that the Chicago Society was the first to nominate a Vice President on the 17th of October and had sent the notification to the Trustees. There is a mistake in this matter. In the first place the Staten Island Society nominated their candidate on the 16th of October and consequently they were not the first, and secondly the Staten Island Society sent their nomination to the Official Board who by the Constitution have the appointment, while the Chicago Society claim to have sent theirs to the Trustees who have nothing to do with the appointment, and I presume considered the note sent as a mere courtesy, for except for the mention of the Chicago nomination, by the Trustees, in their report in the January number, and for a note to me in answer to an inquiry from the Secretary of the Trustees which I cannot act on officially, no notice of this nomination has come to the Official Board so far as I know. I have stated these facts to the President of the Chicago Society and also to some of their members, and probably it will be straightened out, but the Chicago Society can hardly claim the credit of having made the first nomination. It may be well to state also that for the reason that

there was a vacancy in the Official Board and an election pending to fill it, the nominations made were not put to vote until the Board was filled and reorganized.

Please communicate this to your Chicago correspondent who will probably make the proper correction. I am sorry that the Chicago nomination was not properly forwarded to the Official Board, (not Board of Officers as per Trustee's report) but until after the vote was taken I had no intimation that any such nomination had been made.

Very truly,

JOHN K. TIFFANY.

Editorial Notes.

The National Philatelic Society, of New York, is fifteen years old.

The "Central Philatelist" is a new paper from Belvidere, Ill. It contains four pages and cover and presents a very creditable appearance.

Postmaster-General Wanamaker has approved the design and color of the new two cent postage stamp and it is thought the new series will be ready for distribution sometime in February.

Wm. J. J. Culross, of Everett, Mass., formerly connected with the "Peerless Review," is now publishing the "Mystic World," a monthly paper in the interest of all secret, fraternal and beneficial societies.

Mr. Millard F. Walton, the new Secretary of the A. P. A., ought to be pretty well known by this time, half a dozen different papers having published his portrait and a biographical sketch of him during the last two months.

The first volume of the "Post Card" contains thirty numbers. Brother Watson's paper beats the record every time, and his Catalogue of Post Cards and Letter Cards of Europe is the finest catalogue in that branch of collecting we have ever seen.

The "New Jersey Collector" has just appeared from Plainfield, N. J., published by W. H. Rice. In his editorial the editor

says: "We have the boodle to make this paper one of the best, and we intend to use it to that end." No. 1 contains four small pages and cover.

"The new postage stamps are to be one eighth smaller than the present ones. This reduction is many times too small to indicate how many sizes smaller than the smallest of his predecessors, is the present Postmaster General."—[N. Y. Sun.

But he gets there, just the same.

The "Empire State Journal" is the name of a new paper published by Lincoln Rappleye, of Trumansburg, N. Y. No. 1, dated January, 1890, contains five pages of interesting reading and three pages of advertisements. We wish the new paper and its publisher success.

The "Metropolitan Philatelist" will be issued from New York, next April. It will be under the management of the National Philatelic Society of New York, the Brooklyn and the Staten Island Societies and will be the official organ for these societies. R. R. Bogert was elected to represent the National Society, E. L. Shumann, the Staten Island Society, and Chas. Gregory, the Brooklyn Philatelic Club. C. B. Corwin was elected editor and J. W. Scott business manager.

Another circular from Patrick Chalmers on the "Jubilee of Penny Postage Reform" winds up with the following. "This Jubilee Year of the Reformed Postal System finds the Adhesive stamp still indispensable to the postal system, the commerce and revenue of all nations. Is its celebration to pass without so much as a word of acknowledgement to the memory of the man who, himself unrewarded, bestowed this boon upon his country and the world?" Pat, how much good do you suppose those circulars do your cause? How much good would it do your cause if ten men were convinced that Sir Rowland Hill were the impostor you claim he is? Would the opinion of a hundred thousand men alter the case any? Until that case is decided by the highest tribunal in Great Britain, the

majority of people think that you are out of your head. Brace up, Pat! Pearson Hill has challenged you to put the matter where it will be settled, *officially*. If you have such a good case as you claim, you can down him in the first round and settle forever the question of Hill-Chalmers, and get heavy damages besides. Until you do that, the vast majority of people will continue to believe that Pat—not James, as he had brains enough to know when he was defeated—Chalmers is the real "impostor."

This number completes Vol. VI. of the STAMP WORLD. Or, more properly speaking, we have published three volumes—30 numbers—of the CURIOSITY WORLD, and three volumes,—18 numbers—of the STAMP WORLD. We have had considerable experience in the publishing line and have decided to branch out on a little larger scale. We shall drop the name THE STAMP WORLD with this issue, and shall hereafter be known as HUBBARD'S MAGAZINE. Instead of having eight pages of reading matter devoted wholly to stamps, there will be at least sixteen pages of reading matter in each issue. We propose to make it a first class Boy's Magazine. The original plan of the CURIOSITY WORLD will be followed out to the letter, and anything instructive or interesting may be found in our columns. The subscription price will be advanced to 50 cents per year, but that will not affect those who are already subscribers, and they will receive as many numbers as they have paid for. Our advertising rates will be advanced to \$1 per inch, but that will not affect those having live contracts, other than that they will get about twice the circulation they have paid for. HUBBARD'S MAGAZINE will be for sale by all Newsdealers, and on railroad trains, at 5 cents per copy.

Perhaps some of our readers would like to know why we make this change. At the present time we have about one fifth of the number of subscribers we had when the CURIOSITY WORLD was reduced to magazine form. There are

several reasons for this. First, we gave much more reading matter, and the contents were more varied than at present. Second, there are at least ten times as many stamp papers as collectors and dealers can support; the result is not one in ten can pay its expenses, to say nothing about making a profit. A collector cannot subscribe for all the stamp papers, and a dealer cannot advertise in all of them. Third, no one but a stamp collector will read and none but a stamp dealer will advertise in a stamp paper. HUBBARD'S MAGAZINE will interest every one, stamp collector or not.

Penny Postage.

A great scheme is now on foot among the principal British Colonies. They are all combining to secure a 2 cent rate to Great Britain or to any British Colony. At present from 5 cts. to 30 cts. is charged for each 1-2 ounce and it is claimed that it will tend to bring the Empire into closer relations if a 2c. rate is adopted.

The Council of the Chamber of Commerce, Montreal, has resolved to petition the Postmaster-General, of Canada, to communicate with the postal authorities of the United Kingdom with a view to reducing the postage rate throughout the whole British Empire to the uniform figure of two cents.

The Imperial Federation League has already adopted this scheme as the first step to bring the Empire into a combined Federation by discriminating in favor of British trade from British Colonies. Mr. Dalton McCarthy, M. P., will bring the matter up before the Canadian House of Commons. There is a great possibility of this scheme being accepted by the Imperial authorities. CANADENSIS.

A Few Comments.

"The Burning Question" is what Vexator called the Hill-Chalmers controversy in the last number of this journal, and it is a burning question. It has scorched the reputation for veracity of several of

our well-known writers, and has caused no end of trouble and personalities. It was the cause of establishing a Philatelic Society which had but a short life and somewhat checkered career, causing a loss to the A. P. A. At present it is burning quite fiercely and heating up the champions of both sides. Keep cool, gentlemen, and let the A. P. A. Committee have a chance to get warm over it.

The Ex-Secretary of the late Chalmers Society allows his ire to get the best of his better judgment, and flies into print about it in the columns of the "American Philatelist," which the editors of that excellent journal should never have admitted in its columns. Messrs. Scott and Wolsieffer are too well-known to require an introduction to A. P. A. members and no doubt can give the Ex-Secretary a few points. It is somewhat strange that a Society having eighty members should cease to exist without any cause, and again if its finances were not in a "deplorable condition" why was not that Exchange Department debt paid? Can not the A. P. A. collect this from the Chicago Philatelic Society as the successor of the Chalmers?

Before leaving the Chalmers subject Ithuriel rises to a point of order. When will that Committee be appointed? Whoever they are a report is expected by June. The time is growing short. Why did Mr. Bradt and Mr. Wolsieffer decline to serve? Do they consider it a fruitless task or have they changed their views and are on the fence with the editor of this journal?

Ithuriel has it on good authority that a journal is to be published by the National, Brooklyn and Staten Island Societies. The name suggested was the "Metropolitan Philatelist." Something fine may be expected as they have all the requirements necessary, capital, talent and workers.

Did you notice the number of applications in the January "American Philatelist" with Corwin-Scott as references? There were nine out of twenty-two, which means nine votes for C. B. Corwin

for president. If it continues at this rate C. B. Corwin will have no trouble in getting elected and he will deserve it too, for to the workers belong the spoils, "if there are any." Ithuriel is under the impression, however, that there will be but poor pickings at the best.

What a revival of very mouldy chestnuts the "Justice Triumphant" is, now running in the "Philatelic Beacon." Where does the publisher of that journal expect to go to for inflicting it on a trusting and long suffering Philatelic public?

Publisher Massoth of the "Hoosier Figaro" advertises E. W. Voute as associate editor. It is possible that Voute has learned a few things in his variegated journalistic experience and will drop the "sensational style" which he seemed to delight in. If he is the same Voute as of old, Ithuriel expects to catch it red hot, for this presumption of prognostication.

The reprint question is always in order, and no well-regulated editor will fail to have one or two articles by prominent writers, where he can lay his hands on them at a moments notice.

For a society with less than two hundred members the Chicago Society is making quite a stir. Ithuriel has just received its new "Bulletin" which will no doubt answer the purpose for which it was issued. It certainly is a novelty and also a new departure for a local society to publish its own journal. Bradt is at the helm as editor and Wolsieffer manager, which was to be expected. Ithuriel is also in possession of information direct from Chicago that a new paper is to be published there, the name not yet selected.

There are few members of the A. P. A. who are indignant because the reports of Branch Societies are no longer published in the "American Philatelist." The late Committee on Official Journal is largely responsible for this action of the Literary Board, as they suggested that expenses be cut down. This seemed to be wasted space to a number of delegates at St.

Louis and Ithuriel has it from one of the Committee direct, that their report was actuated by the sentiment of a majority of the members present at the Convention.

ITHURIEL.

Stamps at Auction.

Following are a few of the prices obtained at the J. W. Scott Company's Auction Sale of Stamps, Jan. 31st.

| UNITED STATES | |
|---|--------|
| New York, 1845, 5c. black, | \$2.25 |
| Providence, 3c. black, no period after cents, | 2.38 |
| "U. S. Mail prepaid one cent," | 4.70 |
| 1851, issue, complete, | 3.05 |
| 1861, 5c. yellow, | 1.40 |
| 1866, 3c. scarlet, unused, | 6.60 |
| 1869, complete set used, | 5.70 |
| Agricultural Dept., complete, unused | 2.70 |
| Executive " " " | 8.50 |
| Interior, set complete, used, | .70 |
| Justice, set complete, unused, | 6.16 |
| Navy, set complete, used | 4.84 |
| Post Office " " " | .90 |
| State Dept. 1 to 90c., inclusive unused | 4.59 |
| State Dept. \$2, unused, | 2.75 |
| Newspaper stamps 1867, complete set, | 3.60 |
| Petersburg, 5c. red, on original envelope, | 7.25 |
| Petersburg, 5c. red, second type, unused, | 5.25 |
| New Orleans, 2c. blue, unsevered pair on or. env. | 4.00 |
| Mobile, 2c. black, on part of original env. | 15.00 |
| Mobile, 5c. blue, on part of original env. | 3.20 |
| Charleston envelope, 5c. blue, entire, unused, | 9.00 |
| Athens, 5c. plum 2nd type, used, | 7.20 |
| Pleasant shade, 5c. blue, unused, | 7.25 |
| 1875, War Dept. Env. red on white, (Reay Die) | 8.25 |
| Revenue, 3d issue, 2c. orange and black, inverted head, | 1.10 |
| Proprietary, 50c. green, unused, | 1.80 |
| T. Kensett & Co., 1c. green, | 1.60 |
| Pierce Match Co., 1c. green, | 2.00 |
| Brandreth, 1c. black, | 1.90 |
| FOREIGN. | |
| Argentine Republic, 1875, 5c. red rouletted, | 3.90 |
| Azores, 1863, 20r. bistre, unperforated, | 4.00 |
| " " 50r. green " " | 3.00 |
| " " 80r. orange, " " | 3.00 |
| " " 100r. lilac, " " | 2.50 |
| Bolivar, 1867, 5c. violet, unused, | 5.00 |
| " " 10c. blue, " " | 6.00 |
| " " 100c. blue, 2nd type, used, | 7.00 |
| British Bechuanaland, 1 pound, used, | 2.60 |
| Canada, 10p. blue, unused, | 7.50 |
| " " 3p. red, perforated, | 3.00 |
| " " 6p. dull purple, | 11.50 |
| Ceylon, 10c. on 16c. mauve, | 3.15 |
| Great Britain, 1880, 2s. pale brown, | 2.20 |
| " " 1882, 5 pounds, orange, | 6.25 |
| Hawaiian Islands, 1859, 2c. black, | 3.20 |
| Hong Kong, 96c. yellow brown, | 2.70 |
| India, 1867, Service 2a. surcharged 2r. lilac, | 6.00 |
| Ionian Islands, 1-2p. orange, used, | 3.75 |
| Mexico, 1867, 1r. blue on blue, | 4.20 |
| Mexico, 1867, 8r. black on brown, | 5.00 |
| New Brunswick, 1851, 6p. yellow, | 2.95 |
| New Brunswick, 1s. violet | 31.00 |
| New South Wales, view of Sydney, 1p. red | 5.25 |
| " " " " 2p. blue, | 5.10 |
| Nova Scotia, 1s. violet, | 24.50 |
| Peru, 1867, 1r. blue, P. S. N. Co., used, | 34.00 |
| Philippine Islands, 1854, 5c. orange, | 7.50 |
| St. Vincent, 1p. on 6p. green, | 3.50 |
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